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In re Application of
Günter SCHMIDT, et al.
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Attorney Docket No.: 020600-283
For: CHARACTERISING NUCLEIC ACIDS

DECISION ON
PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

The petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed 10 April 2000 in the above-captioned application is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

The appropriate petition fee as required by 37 CFR 1.17(m) has been submitted.

All of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) for revival have been submitted.

A review of the declaration of the inventors filed with the petition reveals that it is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497. Since the declaration of the inventors was submitted after 30 months from the priority date claimed of 11 July 1997, a \$65.00 surcharge (fee code 254) for filing an oath or declaration after 30 months, will be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-4800, as authorized in the petition.

Applicants' claim for priority is acknowledged. The application has an international filing date of **13 July 1997** under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of **10 April 2000** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c) and 102(e).

The request to revive the application abandoned under 35 U.S.C. 371(d) is granted as to the National stage in the United States of America.

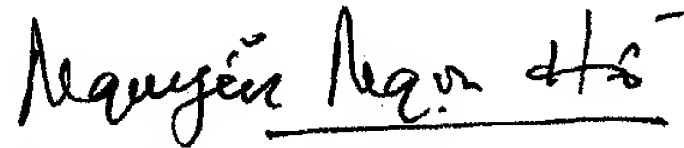
The application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office for

processing in accordance with this decision, that is, a) for charging \$65.00 surcharge (fee code 254) to Deposit Account No. 02-4800, and b) for issuance of a Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371(c) and 37 CFR 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) and for preparation and mailing of a filing receipt.



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